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(iv) Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the action taken by the Cochin Darbar in the matter of leather tanning industry?

(v) Will Government be pleased to state if any action will be taken by them, at an early date, to start similar industries in Travancore?

(vi) Is it a fact that the Manager of the Weaving School at Mavelikara applied to the Director of Industries for financial support from Government?

(vii) Was any such help given? If not, will Government be pleased to state the reason for such refusal?

13. II. *The Kottayam Forest Case.*

(i) Will Government be pleased to state whether a case arose in respect of an offence under the Forest Regulation against

Answer.

Pharmaceutical Works.

The Pioneer Alkali Works Ltd., approached Government with a proposal for starting a factory in Travancore for the manufacture of drugs and other pharmaceutical preparations and requested that some concessions be granted to them. The firm has been promised 2,000 gallons of liquor per annum from the Government distillery at Nagercoil at cost price, duty free, on certain conditions imposed by Government.

Pencil manufacture.

Messrs. Co-Co-Bo Bros., Cochin, who propose to open a pencil factory at Alwaye, have been granted the following concessions, *viz.*, (1) one acre of land for the establishment of the factory; (2) the supply of 500 to 600 candies of soft wood required for the manufacture of pencils at Rs. 8/ per candy; and (3) the deputation of Mr. R. N. Krishna Pillai, the Pencil Expert of the Department, to work the factory for a period of one year.

Yes; it is reported that a Company has been registered recently in Cochin for leather tanning industry with a capital of Rs. 4 lacs, 30 % of the shares of which are subscribed for by the Cochin Government.

A Graduate was sent from Travancore three years ago to study the leather industry in the Leather Seller's Institute in England. He has completed his studies and received his diploma. He is now engaged in gaining factory experience. The question of starting the leather industry will be considered on this expert's return from training.

Yes; more than two years ago, the Manager applied to the Acting Director of Industries for a grant of Rs. 50/ per mensem from Government.

Yes; Government sanctioned a grant of Rs. 25 per mensem with effect from the 1st Chingom 1094 on the distinct understanding that the grant would be withdrawn if the institution was not improved within six months on the lines suggested by Dr. Barker. Subsequently the Manager was allowed extension of time till the end of Makaram 1095 to fulfil the conditions. A report has been called for as to how the school works now.

Secretary Mr. K. Narayanan Pandalay.

Government have received a report of the fellings in the locality referred to and the matter is under investigation.

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people employed by or working on behalf of Mr. P. T. Thomas of Kottayam known as the Erumeli Timber Case?

(ii) Will Government be pleased to state the exact nature of the offence suspected to have been committed?

(iii) Were special officers appointed to investigate the case? If so, will Government be pleased to state the names and designations of such officers?

(iv) Will Government be pleased to state the time taken by those officers for investigation?

(v) Was any report submitted by them? If so, what were their conclusions?

(vi) Will Government be pleased to state the approximate value of the timber which was concerned in the case?

(vii) Will Government be pleased to state if final orders have been passed by Government in the matter?

(viii) If so, the date of such order and the substance thereof?

(ix) Will Government be pleased to direct the papers relating to this case being laid on the Council table for perusal by the Council.

14. III. *The recent appointment of Deputy Conservator of Forests.*

(i) Will Government be pleased to state who was appointed in place of Mr. Swaminathan, the deceased Deputy Conservator?

(ii) What are the general educational and special qualifications of the gentleman now appointed?

(iii) What length of service had he, on the date of such appointment, in the grade of Assistant Conservator?

(iv) Will Government be pleased to state the names of officers, on the date of such appointment, in the grade of Assistant Conservators, the length of service of each of them in that grade, as well as their respective qualifications?

Answer

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

Mr. T. V. Subbier has been appointed to act as Deputy Conservator. The Conservator's proposals for filling the place permanently are awaited.

Mr. Subbier has passed the Matriculation Examination and undergone the Ranger's course at the Forest College, Dehra Dun, in 1906. He has also passed the Government Technical Examination in Book-keeping and the Departmental Examinations in Forest Law, Forest Procedure and Accounts.

6 years and 3 months.

1. *Mr. M. P. Jacob.*

Service on 1-4-95: 9 years and 3 months.

Qualifications.—Dehra Dun Ranger's Course (1907), Forest Law (1916), Forest Procedure and Accounts (1916).

2. *Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar.*

Service on 1-4-95: 5 years and 10 months.

Qualifications.—F. A., Dehra Dun Ranger's Course (1902), Hand-Writing Test

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